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## THE JASPERITE CHAT.

The City Council and the Tax-Payers Talk Over the Douglas Avenue Paving Question—A Variety of Opinions and an Effort at an Understanding.

The special meeting of the city council, last night, to consider the jasperite paving situation attracted considerable attention from the tax-payers. Quite a number were present and appeared very much concerned in the matter under discussion. The council discussed at length the situation while the meeting was made up largely by speech-making by the property-owners. It was repeatedly stated by the councilmen that they did not propose to pay for the work until the street made a better showing and the work was up to the contract and satisfactory to the tax-payers and council. The contractor had not been pressing claims for pay and the position was taken by some that the only thing to do was to keep quiet. Some of the members of the council wanted the action approving estimates, but it was claimed by others that would be impossible, equally as impossible as to rescind the contract. It was shown that \$25,000 had been advanced by the Citizens' Bank on the approved estimates, this action being the same as in practically all paving work.

## THE PROCEEDINGS.

Members—Carson, Schuitzer, Buckridge, Coffin, Glaze, McKee, Williams, Martin, Mosbacher present with Chairman Johnson presiding. The call for the special meeting was read which was known to concern the jasperite paving question.

Carson said it would be proper for him to say that Tuesday last a number of excited tax-payers had come to him. Some advised him in connection with the jasperite paving question, but he had discouraged it and composed a special meeting. He had started out and got a special meeting.

McKee called on Mr. Fred Smyth, who said he was not satisfied with the pavement. The work was not up to the contract.

Glaze called for the reading of the remonstrance asking that the council not pay for the jasperite pavement. The remonstrance was presented on September 11, and granted.

Johnson said he had sent for the petition of the parties who signed for the jasperite and demanded it read.

Martin inquired what more the property owners wanted than the granting of the petition.

McKee said he did not think that because a property owner signed for jasperite he should be censured. He had expected the work equal to the sample exhibited and had asked for it on that basis.

Johnson—Just want to show that the council ain't to blame.

The petition asking for jasperite was then read.

Buckridge thought no councilman would favor issuing bonds.

Johnson called on P. V. Healy, who said he was in the council at the time and did not vote for jasperite.

Johnson—He very careful what you say now—

Healy—I am very careful what I say. I have always thought that the council had granted the contract before an investigation. But the contract awarding is not the question now. Shall we have to pay it is the question. If the contractors have secured money at banks on the estimates the city will have to pay for it.

Mr. Roach said it did not look like the council would put down a pavement of no value. If the pavement is of no value he thought the city would not be compelled to pay for it. He thought the council certainly had a contract and bond.

Johnson asked if the city was compelled to pay for the pavement if the work was not good.

The city attorney said the city would not have to pay for the pavement until the work was made good.

Healy inquired about the taxes now being paid, when Mr. Wilson said the taxes could be refunded if the pavement was not paid for.

Healy said Mr. Drake had not signed the contract when Wilson proceeded to say that Healy was in the council at the time and ought to have known what was going on. He had signed the contract and he had never heard the contract read; it had never been brought up before the council. He had inquired for it in council but had always been given to understand that it was none of his business. Some time ago he had read the contract and did not conform to what he had supposed it was.

There was some talk between Wilson and Caswell about whether the former had said approving estimates was not paying for the work. Caswell had understood that the city attorney had given it out that approving estimates amounted to nothing.

Coffin was sorry to see the position of the press and some people in relation to jasperite paving. In the press not a respectful reference about the matter. He would like to know from the editor of the Eagle why he had so many insinuations about the council and jasperite. Coffin said the property-owners on Douglas had asked for jasperite. He did not blame them for that but they should not be so vicious against the council now. They had been deceived and the council was in the same boat. The council had not proposed to pay for the pavement and had done nothing in that line. He thought the council should not be treated as thieves and robbers as it was intended to attend to the business in a business like manner. He had given his opinion, that if estimates in the hands of innocent purchasers, the city would be compelled to pay. If the work was done according to specifications the council would likely have to pay for the work without reference to its value.

A communication from the city treasurer was to the effect that the Citizens' Bank had advanced \$25,000 on first estimate of jasperite paving.

Caswell moved to rescind everything wrong done in the jasperite paving. This motion was considered a little indefinite and it was then specified to rescind approved estimates.

Carson recalled that granting the prayers of the remonstrance was enough. Coffin thought it would be impossible to rescind according to motion. A man could sign a note and want to rescind, but a motion to that effect would amount to nothing.

Caswell inquired what the council is "here for" and thought anything could be rescinded.

McKee moved the council make no payments for the pavement, which prevailed. The city attorney stated that the engineer's estimate was that the top coating of cement and jasper could be put down for less than \$7,500 and so far according to the estimates approved, that amount could be held back.

P. V. Healy inquired if the city attorney really believed that estimate was correct, when it was replied that City Engineer Jackson is an honorable man and knows something of his official business.

Buckridge—If that statement is true somebody is making lots of money.

This created considerable merriment and Buckridge continued by saying that he did not mean to say that any councilman was getting money but that the contractor had a snap.

A message from Col. Drake of St. Paul,

patentee of the jasperite paving, to L. C. Jackson, was read, requesting the council to withhold decision until he could reach the city, and he could be present. He would be here by next Monday, and be present at the next regular session of the council.

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS BANQUET AND PRESENTATION.

When the members of Wichita Division No. 2, U. R. K. of P. learned that they were to lose the companionship of their worthy brother, Capt. S. F. Hotchkiss, they quickly resolved to show by a slight token the high regard felt for him and his estimable lady by his brother Knights. Accordingly through a committee appointed for the purpose a handsome silver centerpiece was selected as a present, and last evening set as the time for making the presentation. The matter was kept from the knowledge of Capt. Hotchkiss until the moment arrived when he should be made the recipient of the stand.

After the regular meeting of the Division Capt. and Mrs. Hotchkiss and the latter's mother, Mrs. Walker, were invited to attend a banquet in the hall in the Getto building.

When all was in readiness, at a signal the presentation committee brought forward the centerpiece, which bore the following inscription: "Presented to Capt. and Mrs. S. F. Hotchkiss by Wichita Division No. 2, U. R. K. of P."

Ed O'Brien made the presentation speech, which was in his best vein and voiced the sentiments of every Knight present.

Capt. Hotchkiss replied on behalf of himself and wife, and expressed himself as so taken by surprise as to be unable to put his feelings into language, but gave the boys to understand that they would one day always occupy a warm spot in his heart and memory.

After the toast Master Otto Eckstein proposed a number of toasts which were responded to by various members and among which were the following:

To the toast: "The Knights of Pythias in the Alliance," W. S. Morris was called to answer, which he did to the enjoyment of all present.

C. A. Van Ness answered to "The Success of the May meeting."

"The Ladies of the Knight of Pythias" was replied to by John W. Adams.

"The experiences of a newly married man" was assigned to B. L. Keenan, who tackled the subject bravely, and was roundly applauded at the close.

"Discipline of a K. of P. when visiting neighboring towns," was answered by J. F. Bennett.

The banquet closed near the small hours and everyone who had the pleasure of being present will remember the occasion as long as memory lasts.

Capt. Hotchkiss and family move to Fort Worth, Tex., within a few days. The Captain will represent the Bandera Flagstone company in the state of Texas.

## SEE THAT CALL.

A call from business men and property owners, to business men and property owners, will be found elsewhere on this page. For a long time the long headed turn of this city have seen the necessity for Wichita's control of the grain output of this valley, and the advantage to both city and country of a market and storage facility here, great and strong enough to receive and handle all the millions of bushels of corn and wheat and oats that will naturally flow to this point. Such an opportunity is now ours. How long the opportunity will hold good is not known, but it comes in the shape of a proposition which must be accepted practically immediately, or go over for one or more years, for the reason that the work of construction would have to commence at the earliest possible day in order to be ready to take care of the coming crop of wheat, which promises so enormously. With the present prospect, Wichita could afford to have this immense and far reaching interest postponed, even for a single year, and even if at the end of that time the elevators and store houses could be had for nothing. The cash outlay for what is planned will be little short of two hundred thousand dollars, but the additional trade and extra advantages which would accrue to the various interests of the city would probably be equal to such a sum in a single season. Wichita, however, nor her people are not asked to build or to take any chances. In the proposed investment work naming, nor yet to provide for or to guarantee any of the millions of money that it will take to handle the grain that would be sent to this market next year. The matter of location and other details and incidentals ought to be settled and disposed of by the property holders who are called to meet at the Board of Trade rooms this afternoon, in twenty minutes after the matter has been stated. Remember the hour and be prompt.

ANOTHER CONSESSION TO WICHITA'S CLAIMS OF BEING A CITY.

The Santa Fe announces that it will put on a Wichita and Kansas City train next Thursday. The time table is not out but it will be a passenger train each way between Wichita and the Missouri river. The Missouri Pacific is already running such a train. Next, and in due time, will follow the Rock Island, and then another stop, stop and jumping off place will have been established in the line of commercial cities. Trains swing daily between only great cities, from which they start and at which they stop, so will the train west of the Missouri river swing back and forth between Wichita and Kansas City and Wichita and St. Louis taking up new territory and new business.

The Santa Fe, for itself and for the Frisco, which it owns, is making costly terminal improvements in Wichita. The track and switching facilities are being re-laid and extended, a new passenger platform and a depot 304 feet long, the largest depot ever built in the state, is being erected. With the ending of so many additional runs at this point provision will have to be made for a number of engines, etc.

## REV. READ IN SEATTLE.

By the Seattle Telegraph we see that the Market street Baptist church of that city observed last Sunday as the first anniversary of the past oral charges of Rev. J. W. Read, formerly pastor of the First Baptist church in this city. From the resume of the work of the Seattle church for the year, as given in the Telegraph, it appears to have been a very successful one. It is also stated that Mr. Read had been urged to accept the financial agency of a new denominational school just established at Kirland, a short distance from Seattle, at a salary of \$3,000, but declined and will remain with the Market street church in the latter place. Mr. Read has many friends in Wichita and Kansas who will be glad to know of his pleasant situation and surroundings and of his good measure of success in his new field.

## CITIZENS' MEETING.

A meeting of citizens will be held at the Board of Trade rooms this afternoon at 2 o'clock to take measures to close up the location of the grain elevator. It is necessary that this matter be closed up at once, that operations may be begun. Its importance to the city need not be set forth, but prompt, energetic action must be had. We urge all good citizens to meet with us this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Geo. L. House, Geo. H. Blackwelder, T. B. Threlkeld, E. B. Ebert, P. V. Healey, Frank Williams, O. O. Brown, Geo. Matthews, J. D. Hewitt, J. M. Allen, A. W. Oliver, Geo. P. Glaze, Geo. L. Pratt, H. M. Platt, D. M. Kirkbride, R. E. Lawrence, A. M. Hyde, J. S. Garrison, Jas. Allison, Chas. H. Hunter, Chas. Mosbacher, John Exton, E. R. Powell.

## WICHITA CONSISTORY S. P. R. S.

The closing exercises of the Scottish Rite Masonic reunion last night were observed with more than usual interest for such occasions. The ceremonies of conferring the thirty-first and thirty-second degrees closed the labors for the reunion. The following named persons received the thirty-second degree: M. W. Levy, Thomas G. Fitch, Abraham B. Wright, E. E. Blackley, of Wichita; H. M. Walt, of Newton; Lyman Johnson, and Ed. G. Irwin, of Winfield.

Wichita consistory is the largest body of the Rite in Kansas, and numbers 110 members. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite bodies, consisting of the Lodge of Perfection, chapter of Rose Croix, Council Knights Kadosh and consistory, were organized and chartered in the autumn of 1887, with twelve charter members, and shows an increase in three years of ninety-eight members. Wichita never does things by halves. The attendance of members of the rite from other cities in Kansas and those from other states shows the deep interest that is taken in these reunions, as well as the estimation in which Scottish Rite Masonry is regarded by those who have passed through its imposing and elaborate ceremonies, which are very impressive, especially in the "Jedgar's Hall," "At the Mausoleum," and on the "Probationary Journey." After the labors were closed the brethren present were invited into the banquet room to partake of refreshments at the grand banquet prepared by Bros. Goldberg and Stocker. After the repast a session of speeches and music appropriate to the occasion was the order of the evening. This convocation was one of the most enjoyable ones ever held in the history of Wichita consistory. The visitors from abroad were unanimous in saying that Wichita is the place to come for a real social and enjoyable time. The addresses were full of humor and good feeling, and all who participated will not soon forget the occasion.

Brothers present as follows: James H. Dodge, Milwaukee, Wis.; I. B. Yerxa, Fargo, N. D.; Horace B. Steek, Hazelton, Kan.; L. D. Johnson, Winfield, Kan.; Ed. G. Irwin, Winfield, Kan.; Michael Cassin, Cincinnati, O.; Jacob DeWitt, O. Seitz, E. H. Gibbs and E. Amer, Salina, Kan.; P. Baker, and R. L. Coffey, Topeka, Kan.; H. M. Walt, and J. R. Trout, P. Leander, from Newton, and residents of Wichita as follows: J. Giles Smith, J. S. Cole, C. M. Jones, K. Allen Hall, C. W. Bittling, C. H. Gates, John C. Derby, Dr. E. A. Whitlock, Dr. J. E. Oldham, Mark Oliver, A. A. Glenn, George L. Pratt, William Greifenstein, C. A. Walker, D. A. Mitchell, George I. Ross, M. W. Levy, Thomas G. Fitch, A. B. Wright, E. E. Blackley, Alex. Steel, J. P. Allen, W. H. Stienberg, William Wessellhoff, J. H. Aley, J. R. Holliday, A. B. Stocker, O. D. Barnes, Frank Oliver, W. H. Collins.

SURPRISE PARTY.  
Last evening a large number of young people gave Prof. Forby and wife a surprise party, at which time a rocking chair was presented to Mrs. Forby. Prof. Forby responded in a few well chosen words, after which the young people engaged in social intercourse and games and spent the evening very pleasantly, being well entertained by the host and hostess.

RELEASED FROM PRISON.  
W. E. Gates, who was sent to the state prison two years ago for a term of fifteen years, was released last Sunday, an unconditional pardon having been granted upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardoners, who made thorough inquiry into the case and were convinced that Mr. Gates was improperly convicted and unjustly held in prison. Mr. Gates attributes his good fortune to the personal efforts of Mr. L. B. Snow in his behalf.

DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS LOADED.  
Mr. W. L. Johnson startled the natives in the vicinity of his drug store at the Carey yesterday. It was another case of "didn't know it was loaded." He was affectionately handling a revolver and talking to it in volubrious tones. In a moment his companion commenced to talk back, and from the time it was at once concluded that the advances of Mr. Johnson were scarcely encouraged. The result was Johnson had one hand burned and some sundries were perforated, while the glass in a show case showed the route. A safe started the ball and before it got another start it was tied down.

It was at first reported that Mr. Johnson had been injured by a pistol, but his partner, Dr. Cox, says the vicinity is not having that kind of luck.

INDIANA SOCIETY.  
The Indiana society will meet this evening at 7:30 at A. O. U. W. hall 114-116 North Market street. All Indians, whether members or not, are cordially invited to be present. Officers will be chosen for the ensuing term, and the following program rendered:

Music—Mrs. Hewitt  
Address—"Objects of this society"—W. R. Payne  
Reading—P. B. How  
Indiana Reminiscences—J. C. Deam

Ladies string quartette—Mrs. Steffen, Miss Baker, Miss Gatewood, Miss Graig  
Recitation—Prof. G. W. Howe  
Poetry—A. A. Minick  
Music—Miss Jessie Minick

The first entertainment of the season given in the beautiful new auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. building will be under the auspices of the St. Andrew's Brotherhood of St. John's church next Tuesday evening, November 25. Pierola, a dramatic poem of creation, will be read and interpreted by the author, E. P. Chittenden, M. A. Music both instrumental and vocal by the best talent in the city will add to the entertainment not a little.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens' Electric Light company resulted in re-electing the old officers for the ensuing year. Present, George H. Blackwelder, secretary, J. W. Nall, and treasurer, James Dunham. The directors are selected from the eastern stockholders. The business of the company was discussed to some extent and everything thought to be in good condition. The present manager, the Glaziers, are to be able always to furnish lights. They are endeavoring to make the service reliable.

The gambling fraternity were taking a vacation yesterday. The police had extended an invitation to shut up shops and the tin horns were making a howl. Occasionally one would advance the idea that the town would likely get into trouble if they were not allowed to "pass" and "call" at their own will.

Most of the county clerks and registers of deeds attending the meeting of the state association left yesterday. Some, however, were not in a hurry and spent the day with friends. They were quite well pleased with their visit to the city, claiming they had been given all the attention necessary for a pleasant time.

Dr. Shultz started yesterday at 2 p. m. over the Missouri Pacific for Berlin, Germany, to learn all that can be learned of Prof. Robert Koch's consumption cure, to obtain the necessary appliances and lymph. R. D. Seamon, administrator of the estate of Stephen and Emma Duffen, also grand-in-law for Anna and Tommie Duffen, their minor heirs, sends the children in the doctor's care, who will leave them with their grandmother in St. Louis, Mo.

## THE COURTS.

COMMON PLEAS.  
Coleman & Lynch vs. R. Cone; jury out.  
W. H. Sternburg vs. A. Dodge; on trial by jury.